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HALL TRIAL BILL STIRS IRE

Taxpayers in Arms Over High Cost of Simpson Fiasco

By GRAPHIC Staff Correspondent

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 6.—With all of Somerset county up in arms at the cost of the Hall-Mills trial, as conducted by Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson and his Hudson county aids, a call has been issued for indignant taxpayers to meet at the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders tomorrow morning.

Led by Mayor Thomas Flockhart, the angry residents will scan expense bills said to exceed \$125,000, which Simpson has saddled upon the impoverished county for his legal fiasco.

"We want to avoid any further travesties on justice," Mayor Flockhart said. "If these bills are paid hastily, Hudson county may be encouraged to use other ideas about special prosecutions."

Called Political Maneuver

The prosecution was denounced as a political maneuver by the Rev. H. B. Leech, from his pulpit in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Senator Clarence E. Case, defense



Senator Case Alexander Simpson

counsel, will be the next governor of New Jersey, Dr. Leech declared.

Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Robert K. Neilson and other defense lawyers busied themselves today with preparations for libel suit actions against the Daily Mirror and other New York papers, which they decline to identify.

"We are going ahead with the suits," Pfeiffer said. "When they're filed, some of these people who said we wouldn't dare sue will change their opinions."

Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, at his New Brunswick home, was preparing for a hunting trip on a plantation near Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Carpenter will accompany him.

Sick of Whole Business

"I am sick of the whole business, and I want to get away," said the man who was kept in jail since last August, only to have the murder indictment against him quashed after his relatives had been acquitted.

"This thing has cost me thousands. My business on the New



Henry Stevens Mrs. H. Stevens

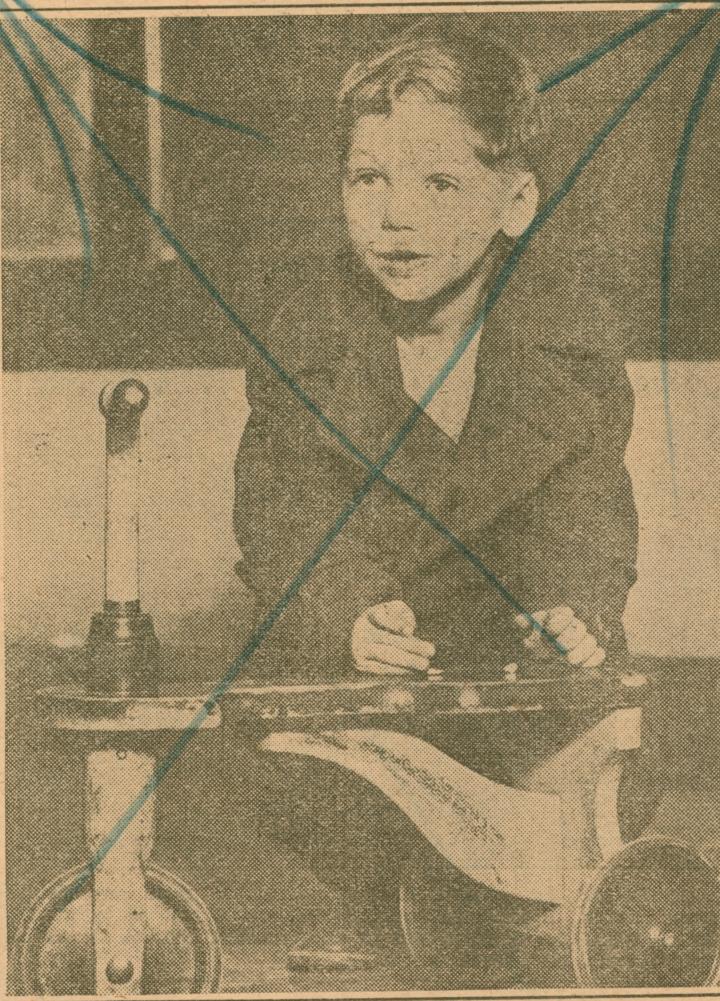
York stock exchange has suffered. My health has suffered by confinement in jail.

"It is a damnable outrage, and somebody will pay dearly. You bet I'm going to sue the Daily Mirror!"

While reporters in New Brunswick waited for Willie Stevens to return to his favorite fire house, Mrs. Hall and Willie greeted friends at their home.

Henry Stevens and his wife, who spent yesterday at their temporary residence in Somerville, will return to Lavalette, N. J., today,

Lost, Found and Unclaimed



FOUND, DECEMBER 1, at St. Mark's and Brooklyn Avenues, Brooklyn, by Patrolman Keegan, this youngster is waiting in the rooms of the Brooklyn Children's Society for some one to claim him. Authorities say he is 3 years old. His inability to give any clue as to his identity and his appetite for candy are baffling to those caring for him. (Photo Graphic.)

Upshaw Lauds Graphic for Straton Series on Hall Case

Publication daily in The GRAPHIC and the Daily News of Philadelphia of Dr. John Roach Straton's comment on the Hall-Mills trial was warmly commended by Congressman William D. Upshaw of Georgia, in the following letter to Mr. Macfadden:

Mr. Bernarr Macfadden, Publisher New York GRAPHIC and Philadelphia Daily News:

My dear Mr. Macfadden: As a friend of humanity, I want to con-

gratulate you and the reading public on publishing a daily comment on the Hall-Mills trial from the brilliant pen of Dr. John Roach Straton.

It is strange that metropolitan dailies have not

recognized the fact that there are millions of earnest, God-fearing people in America who have heart and soul enough to want to read something about such a case besides the hectic angles of sordid tragedy.

Dr. Straton is gifted enough to fascinate and hold the interest of the reader from the standpoint of intellectual interest, but best of all he is spiritual enough to know how to draw a vital and wholesome lesson concerning the fact of sin and that "path of righteousness that shineth more and more to the perfect day."

What this feverish generation needs is more food for the soul in our daily papers and less appeal to the sordid and fleshy appetites of men. Without diminishing their news value in the least, every great daily paper should feature the supremest thing in all the world—something presented in readable fashion that will show impetuous



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You have started in the right direction—give us more of it.

WM. D. UPSHAW.
Washington, December 4, 1926.

DARROW TALKS TOMORROW

Civil disobedience to the Volstead act as a duty will be urged by Clarence Darrow tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock at a dinner for subscribers to the Nation and their guests at the 5th Avenue Restaurant, 200 5th Ave.

Don't Let Hall Case Drop! Solve It, Dr. Straton Urges

By REV. JOHN ROACH STRATON, D. D.

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Well, the expected has happened! It has been apparent for several days to all thoughtful onlookers that an acquittal would inevitably come in the Hall-Mills case, unless a mistrial was granted on the score of alleged incompetence, prejudice and pre-judgment on the part of the jury.

I shall not undertake in this brief article the impossible task of any general summary of a situation so vast and complicated, as a basis for pointing morals.

I confess that the large interest that seems to have gathered about this series of articles, judging by the letters and messages which have come in concerning them, has been gratifying, because these things have proved that my efforts to extract from this tremendously sad and shocking case some moral and spiritual lessons that might be helpful, and that might justify in some measure the tremendous publicity given the



Dr. J. R. Straton

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BRIG. GEN. C. H. BARTH DIES

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., Dec. 6.—Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, U. S. A., retired, commander of the Seventh Division in France, died yesterday at the National Military Home here. He was governor of the institution.

Girl, Tired of Life, Fails in Suicide Try

Mary Jacealick, 17, tried to die today and failed.

At 122d Street and Park Avenue, she drank a bottle of iodine and collapsed in the snow. Snow shovels carried her to the Hospital for Joint Diseases where antidotes were administered. Her condition is not serious.

Mary's only explanation was that she is tired of life. She is employed in the home of Mrs. Edward Scanlon, at 76 East 121st St., as a domestic. Mrs. Scanlon said she could offer no explanation.

ITALY TAXES BACHELORS TO HELP POOR MOTHERS

ROME, Dec. 6 (By U. P.)—Bachelors of Italy should pay for their single blessedness, the cabinet presided over by Premier Mussolini decided today.

Imposition of a tax on all single men between the ages of 25 and 65 received approval of the cabinet, the proceeds to be turned over to a national institution for the care of poor mothers and their infants.

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